

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

29th of March 1933.
 .Wednesday, the _____
 16th of Meenam 1108.

The House met at half past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. George Chakyamuri and K. G. Nayar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Special test—order regarding—necessity for.

455. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) what led to the Diwan's order dated 1st May 1932, R—Dis. 12784 of 1107, L. L. D., to the effect that "Accountants in Treasuries who have already passed the Madras Account Lower Test need not pass the State Account Test;

(b) the names of Accountants who have been benefited by this note?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) The Madras Account Test Lower of those days was considered a sufficient qualification for an accountant's post in Treasuries.

(b) 1. T.A. Venkitasubba Ayyar.

2. C.R. Krishna Ayyar

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this order of the Diwan was made on the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was it that led to such a recommendation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Because the Diwan Peishkar considered that there is no difference between these two examinations and if one has passed the Madras examination there is no necessity to pass the State examination. The Diwan Peishkar was of that opinion.

Mr. C. A. Guseph.—Was there any competition for promotion between the clerks in the same department at the time this recommendation was made?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether by accepting the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar persons who were entitled for promotion under the rules were also promoted?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I cannot say off-hand.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this was not an attempt to get indirectly exemptions for these two individuals?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were there not in the department persons who had passed the Account Test in the first class?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Those who possess the minimum qualifications are required to be promoted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is not the justification of the Government that I want to know. I want to know whether there was any first class Account Test man available for promotion.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who was the Diwan Peishkar who made the recommendation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are these two gentlemen Brahmins?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is evident from the answer.

Sree Rudra Vilasam Secondary School.

456. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) referring to answer (1) to question No. 74 of the Legislative Session (Vrischigam) of 1108 whether the Edavam bill has been subsequently received;

(b) if so, when; when was it sanctioned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No expenditure for feeding charges was incurred during the month, and hence there was no necessity for any bill.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are these monthly bills generally paid before the close of the next month?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is generally done.

Scheme for a Canal.

457. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state regarding the answer to question No. 261 (2) of the 2nd meeting of the Legislative Session of 1108

(a) what was the amount of acreage proposed to be served by the canal;